



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)	
Sanderson, <i>et al.</i>)	
Serial No.: 09/818,975)	Art Unit: 2877
Filed: March 27, 2001)	Examiner: Mooney, Michael P.
For: LOSS COMPENSATING OPTICAL SPLITTER)	Docket No.: 321903.1010

FIRST RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the outstanding non-final Office Action of November 18, 2003, the assignee submits the following First Response with amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Thomas, Kayden, Horstemeyer, & Risley, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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